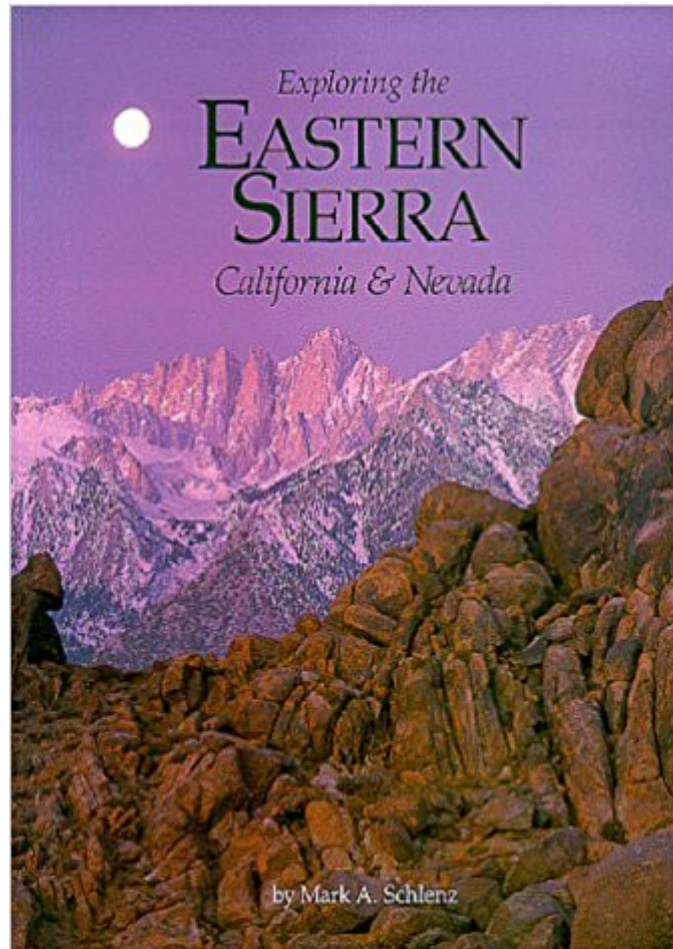




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Customer Reviews

This popular guide to the Eastern Sierra region features updated text and more than 100 stunning new color photographs. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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love that area and so the pictures here bring full appreciation

The photos and writing combine to make one appreciate life on the other side of the Sierras. I very much appreciated the occasional poetic descriptions of places, people and times. The photographs entice one to visit and explore. This is exactly what I was looking for to help me better understand what the eastern side of California is all about.

While the photos are very good, the content is not. The books binding is cheap glue and has already fallen apart. You can glean as much information by surfing the web.

If you're a fisherman, hiker or just someone who appreciates magnificent scenery, then the Sierra Nevada mountain range is the place for you. This book is a rewarding introduction to the splendors of this region. From Lone Pine to Bridgeport, this book covers most of the treasures in this area, easily accessed from Highway 395. I spend most of my summers in the Sierra Nevada and this book helps me pass the winter months in anticipation of hitting the trails again when the snow melts off. The photos make you feel as if you're there, they are high quality and beautifully reproduced. If you've never made a trip to this area, this book is the perfect introduction. If you're someone who knows the Sierra's like the back of your hand, it's still an excellent coffee table book. I hope the authors tackle another photographic challenge: publish a book specifically on the magical John Muir Trail. The opportunities for great photos there are endless! In any case, this book is a welcome addition to anyone with an interest in one of the most scenic areas in America.

Considering what the book claims to cover, it is adequate. It has lots of pictures and brief descriptions of the eastern Sierras and the Owens Valley. Do not expect detailed descriptions of the natural history, geology, or history of this region.

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